

Amendments

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121 and 37 CFR §1.116, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

Claims 1-58 (Canceled)

59. (Previously Presented) A method of decontaminating a contaminated non-conducting surface, the method comprising:

providing a conducting backing for the non-conducting surface;

providing a light source;

heating a photosensitizer with waste heat from the light source;

spraying the photosensitizer onto the contaminated surface, the photosensitizer being electrically charged so that it is attracted to the contaminated surface; and

illuminating the sprayed surface with light from the light source.

60. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 59 wherein the light includes light of wavelengths between about 200 nm and about 320 nm.

61. (Previously Presented) A system for decontaminating a contaminated surface, the system comprising:

a fluid reservoir, wherein the fluid reservoir contains a photosensitizer solution;

a spray apparatus for spraying the photosensitizer solution on the surface;

a light source for illuminating the sprayed contaminated surface, wherein the light source has a cooling unit operatively coupled thereto; and

a temperature control system operatively coupled to the cooling unit of the light source and to the fluid reservoir for heating said photosensitizer solution with waste heat from the light source.

62. (Previously Presented) A method for decontaminating the surface of a contaminated object, the method comprising:

providing a portable barrier;

surrounding the contaminated object with said portable barrier;

spraying an electrically charged photosensitizer onto the object;

attracting an overspray of said electrically charged photosensitizer to said portable barrier;

depositing the overspray of said electrically charged photosensitizer upon said portable barrier; and

illuminating the sprayed surfaces of the object with light.

63. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 62 wherein the barrier is electrically charged to attract the overspray of said electrically charged photosensitizer.

64. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 62 wherein the barrier is grounded to attract the overspray of said electrically charged photosensitizer.

65. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 62 wherein the light includes UV light.

66. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 65 wherein the barrier is substantially opaque to UV light.

67. (Currently Amended) A method of decontaminating the surface of a contaminated non-particulate object, the method comprising:

providing a barrier that defines the treatment space having an entrance and an exit therein for the non-particulate object to enter and exit the barrier treatment space;

surrounding the contaminated non-particulate object with said barrier by moving the contaminated non-particulate object into the entrance;

establishing an air flow from the exit of the treatment space to the entrance of the treatment space such that the air enters the treatment space through the exit of the treatment space and exits the treatment space through the entrance of the treatment space;

spraying a photosensitizer onto the surfaces of the non-particulate object; and

illuminating the sprayed surfaces of the non-particulate object with light;

wherein the spraying and the illuminating are performed at the same site within the treatment space defined by the barrier;

and wherein the air flow directs contaminants and/or the photosensitizer from the exit of the treatment space toward the entrance of the treatment space.

68. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 67 wherein the light includes light of a wavelength of between about 200 nm and about 320 nm.

69. (Previously presented) The method of claim 62 wherein providing a portable barrier further comprises:

providing a portable barrier having an entrance and an exit therein; and

establishing an air flow from the exit to the entrance.

70. (Previously presented) The method of claim 65 wherein the UV light includes light of a wavelength of between about 200 nm and about 320 nm.

71. (Previously presented) The method of claim 62 further comprising providing a temperature control system for heating said photosensitizer with waste heat from a light source.

72. (Previously presented) The method of claim 62, wherein said contaminated object is a non-conducting object, further comprising providing a conducting backing for the contaminated object.

73. (Previously Presented) A method for decontaminating a contaminated surface, the method comprising:

providing a photosensitizer solution and a light source;
heating the photosensitizer solution with waste heat from the light source;
spraying the photosensitizer solution; and
illuminating the surface with light from the light source.

74. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 67 further comprising:

removing the decontaminated non-particulate object out of the treatment space through the exit of the treatment space after the spraying and the illuminating are performed.